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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please add the following paragraph after the title:

Cross Reference To Related Application

[0001] This application is a **national stage** of PCT/EP2003/014035 filed December 11, 2003 and based upon DE 102 59 543.7 filed December 19, 2002 under the International Convention.

Please replace paragraph [0002] with the following amended paragraph:

[0002] The invention relates to a directional loudspeaker and to a method which is suitable for operating such a directional loudspeaker ~~in accordance with the precharacterizing parts of patent claims 1 and 13.~~

Please replace paragraph [0009] with the following amended paragraph:

[0009] The invention is achieved by a directional loudspeaker and a method for operating a directional loudspeaker ~~having the features of patent claims 1 and 13.~~ Advantageous refinements and developments of the invention are described by the subclaims.